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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

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SUBJECT: Approval of Funding for Renewal of External Contract with [REDACTED]

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25X1A2d2 [REDACTED] Project on "Soviet Antiballistic Missile, Air Defense, and Antisatellite Systems"

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REFERENCE: The Office of Scientific Intelligence External Research Program, Fiscal Year 1965

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1. BACKGROUND

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25X1A5a1 Project [REDACTED] is an external contract with the [REDACTED] Company wherein the [REDACTED] carry out the technical analysis and studies involved. 25X1A2d2 Project [REDACTED] was initiated on 26 March 1963, and the present contract will terminate on 25 July 1964. The primary objective of the contract is to determine the characteristics of Soviet antiballistic missile (ABM), air defense (AD), and countersatellite (CS) systems.

2. PERFORMANCE

Because of the delays involved in obtaining security clearances and approved storage facilities, the Project began its work in early September 1963. Prior to that time there were some studies carried out at the SECRET level but full clearances were not complete until late summer of 1963. Immediately after full clearance certification, all members of the Project were fully briefed on known Soviet activity in the ABM, AD, and CS fields. The initial direction of the Project effort was toward a special study in the AD field and to date eight reports have been received. The level of effort in this area has reached and will probably remain about 40%. Concentrated work on the ABM problem began in the fall of 1963 and now represents about 60% of the total effort. Three reports have been received to date, two of which are highly significant and have altered considerably OSI estimates in two important areas of ABM. No CS studies have been carried out but a serious effort in this area will probably begin during late summer.

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The quality of the work carried out by the Project has in general been very high despite the lack of experience in the field of intelligence. Experience gained during the present contract should enable the Project to produce reports of even higher quality in the future. The number of persons used on the Project has, however, been disappointingly low. Fifteen professionals are fully cleared but only three are assigned to the Project on a full time basis. The Director and Deputy Director of the Project together average a half time effort. The remainder of the cleared professionals are consultants to the Project. Because of demands outside the Project, these latter individuals have made only a small contribution. It is expected that their contributions will increase significantly during the next year.

3. BUDGET DATA

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25X1A5a1 A proposal in the amount of [REDACTED] has been received from [REDACTED] to perform this work. This project is included in the FY 1965 external analysis program of OSI.

4. SECURITY

Agency association with this Project is UNCLASSIFIED; however, the contractor will be advised to disclose Agency interest only if necessary in the performance of the contract. The contractor will be furnished classified information at the TOP SECRET/SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE and SPECIAL PROJECT levels and reports resulting from this Project will bear one or more of these classifications. TOP SECRET/SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE and SPECIAL PROJECT clearances will be necessary for contractor personnel. Facility for the storage and transmission of TOP SECRET/SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE AND SPECIAL PROJECT materials and a SPECIAL INTELLIGENCE/SPECIAL PROJECT communications link are required and currently in use as approved for use by this Agency. A full time Agency Security Officer is currently assigned to the contractor facility to provide security guidance and control. The transfer of the security responsibility for this Project from the Office of Logistics to the Office of Scientific Intelligence has been accomplished.

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5. DURATION

It is proposed that the contract be renewed on 1 July 1964 and terminate on 30 June 1965. No billings for work after 30 June 1964 should be allowed on the old contract. It is anticipated that the contract will be renewed on an annual basis for an extended period.

6. AREA OF ACTIVITY

About 60% of the Project activity will be in the area of ABM and CS and about 40% in the area of AD.

7. ACTION RECOMMENDED

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That the expenditure of [REDACTED] from vouchered funds be authorized for this Project. Such funds are available from the FY 1965 operating budget for OSI.

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